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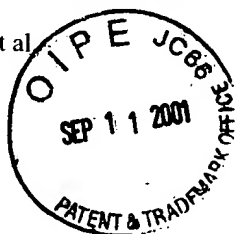
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR PACKAGING AND STORING MOISTURE-SENSITIVE PRODUCTS IN RESEALABLE POUCHES

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 3, 24, 33-37, and 47-60. Please add claims 61-62 as shown below. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4-23, 25-32, 38-46, and 61-62 are pending.

61. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:

a pouch comprising a first end, a second end, and a pouch length extending therebetween, wherein the pouch further defines an interior; and

a moisture-curable orthopedic splinting/casting product having a continuous length, the product being folded into a packaged configuration comprising a plurality of sections arranged within the interior and along the pouch length, each section comprising at least two folds and a segment spanning therebetween, the segment also extending along the pouch length.